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Sept. 30, 1997

Mr. John Krause
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Dear Mr. Krause,

RE: SOLICITATION NO. SB-97-0024

This is to notify you that the Tribes will not authorize the stockpiling of contaminated material on the Duck Valley Reservation if BIA does not have the funds to properly prepare a treatment area and bioremediate the soil at the time of stockpiling. In addition, prior to any stockpiling, the BIA would have to have a workplan for the bioremediation project. As you know, we provided assistance to you with regard to your proposal to put the contaminated soil on the airstrip. As you recall, in your behalf, we submitted a proposal to FAA to use the air strip for soil bioremediation. FAA responded by saying that "the runway should be closed to aircraft operations during construction and bioremediation activity." To use Option 2 of the proposal which was recommended by the FAA, the Tribes would have to submit an FAA Form 7480-1, Notice of Landing Area Proposal, to close the entire runway. The Tribal Council did not want to close the entire runway for two years. If the bioremediation work could have been done at the Airstrip without closing the entire runway, the Tribal Council would have supported your proposal to bioremediate the soil at the airstrip provided you had the funds to properly prepare the treatment area and bioremediate the soil. In addition, you would have had to have a workplan for the bioremediation project. We want very much to work with you to resolve the groundwater contamination problem. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do in your behalf. You may contact Renee Dufault at 702-757-3211 for assistance.

Sincerely,


James Paiva

Shoshone-Paiute Tribal Chairman

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